



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

October 28, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC)

1110 West Washington Street

Room 250

Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on October 28, 2009 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), 1110 West Washington Street, Room 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (12)	
Phillip Stevenson, Chair, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	
Wendy Wolfersteig, Vice-Chair, Arizona State University	
Sgt. Gail Spore, Arizona Department of Public Safety	
Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	
Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education	
Amy Stuart, Administrative Office of the Courts	
Meena Shahi, First Things First	
Richard Porter, Arizona Department of Health Services	
Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Service (via teleconference)	
Katherine Guffey, Arizona Department of Economic Security (via teleconference)	
Emma Kibisu, Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services	
Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections (via teleconference)	
Staff/Guests Present (4)	Members Absent (4)
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute
Angela Baldasare, Pima Prevention Partnership	David Choate, Arizona State University
Michelle Neitch, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
Holly Lewis, ASU, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center	Gowri Shetty, ADHS



A. **Call to Order**

Chair Phillip Stevenson called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. with eleven (12) members, one (1) staff and three (3) guests present.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Phillip Stevenson asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**

Chair Phillip Stevenson reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Phillip Stevenson requested a review of the September 16, 2009 meeting minutes.

- After **Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** noted a correction, **Meena Shahi** moved to approve the meeting minutes with the correction. **Michelle Anderson** seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (12) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

E. **Announcements**

- **Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** announced that the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) at Arizona State University (ASU) will serve as the grant evaluator for the Garrett Lee Smith State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant Program awarded to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS, DBHS) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- **Meena Shahi** reminded members that First Things First (FTF) lists its grant opportunities on its website: <http://www.aztff.gov>, with grants recently listed for Physician Outreach and Education and Mental Health Consultation Administration.
- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** alerted members to an article regarding methamphetamine use in the daily electronic newsletter from Strategic Applications International (SAI), entitled Methpedia.org.
- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** notified the group members that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Statistical Analysis Center (ACJC, SAC) is considering the addition of a question to the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) regarding the source of the prescription drugs used by youth (e.g., another country, online pharmacy, etc.).

F. **Cost Savings Related to Reductions in Underage Drinking**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** discussed a project of the Underage Drinking Committee to assess the reduction in costs to Arizona related to reductions in underage drinking in the state.
 - After discussion by the group members regarding the methods, analyses, etc. utilized in the project by the Underage Drinking Committee, the group decided to form a work group to examine the project and data further.
 - **Angela Baldasare** of Pima Prevention Partnership informed the group that the COPE Coalition also hopes to do work in this topic area. Specifically, the coalition would like to update the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation's (PIRE) report, entitled *Economic Impact of Alcohol in Arizona* (<http://www.udetc.org/factsheets/Arizona.pdf>), in partnership with the Marin Institute.



G. **Review of 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* Table of Contents and Sample Section(s)**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** and **Jeanne Blackburn** directed group members to the draft Table of Contents and sample *Introduction* and *Alcohol* sections for their review.
 - The group reviewed these documents in detail, providing comments to be incorporated into the documents.
 - **Ms. Blackburn** will forward these to the vendor

H. **Expanding the Value of EPI data for Communities**

- This item was tabled until the November meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group due to time restrictions.

I. **Availability of Statistics on Recovery from Substance Abuse (including methamphetamine)**

- This item was tabled until the November meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group due to time restrictions.

J. **Future Agenda Items**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** reminded the group that “Future Agenda Items” will be a standing agenda item for members of the group and the public to suggest items to be placed on future agendas.

K. **Call to Public**

Chair Phillip Stevenson made a call to public.

- There were no public comments.

L. **Adjournment**

- **Richard Porter** moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and **Meena Shahi** seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (12) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

Dated the 2nd day of November 2009
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
Jeanne Blackburn
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